

MEDICAL EPIDEMIOLOGIST (EDP SURVEILLANCE), FSN-11

POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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POSITION TITLE: MEDICAL EPIDEMIOLOGIST (EDP SURVEILLANCE), FSN-11

WHO MAY APPLY: ALL HOST COUNTRY NATIONALS

OFFICE: CDC/CAR, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

MAJOR DUTIES: Under the general supervision of the CDC/CAR Director and Deputy Director the incumbent:

- 1) serves as Epidemiologist in Central Asia for CDC's Threat Agent Detection and Response (TADR) program;
- 2) responsible for the development, implementation, and evaluation of an integrated infectious disease surveillance system (IDSS) with a focus on extremely dangerous pathogens (EDP) in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan;
- 3) coordinates development and introduction of standards for EDP surveillance;
- 4) provides technical advice in the programming and evaluation of CDC/Central Asia Republics' strategies, aimed at strengthening surveillance for EDP;
- 5) in collaboration with national health officials and specialists develops and implements rules, regulations and activities related to IDSS with a focus on EDP;
- 6) establishes and maintains effective working relationships with host government officials, CDC/Atlanta, DTRA, and other TADR contractors through participation in meetings, seminars and similar types of activities;
- 7) provides technical assistance on surveillance activities and outbreak investigations to Ministries of Health and Republican Sanitary and Epidemiological Services;
- 8) participates in the development of Concept of Operations in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan for EDP surveillance;
- 9) coordinates training activities pertaining to EDP surveillance;
- 10) conducts regular training on epidemiology with follow-up assessment, monitoring and evaluation;
- 11) coordinates development of training for mobile outbreak response teams;
- 12) coordinates evaluation and introduction of an electronic-based reporting and notification system (Electronic Integrated Disease Surveillance System);
- 13) other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS/SELECTION CRITERIA:

Note: All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item. The successful applicant must fully meet the minimum qualification requirements.

- Education, skills and experience (60%): Medical University Degree and/or completed advanced studies (MPH or Ph.D) in public health surveillance and epidemiology. Possession of M.D., M.P.H, Ph.D. or equivalent degree in a health related science is desirable. Must have at least five years of work experience in health care and/or epidemiology fields which demonstrate increasing responsibility for managing, coordinating, and guiding significant analytical and public health capacity-building program efforts. Minimum three years experience as a practicing epidemiologist working with infection diseases is required. A thorough knowledge and understanding of the Central Asia health systems structure is essential. Must know the CDC framework and mission in science. Broad knowledge of principles, practices and methodology on infectious diseases, public health surveillance and epidemiology. Computer proficiency (MS Office, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Internet). Incumbent must be able to obtain, analyze, evaluate and present a variety of data in written and oral form.

- Teamwork/Interpersonal and Communication Skills (30%): Exceptional oral and written communications skills and ability to establish and maintain effective relations with host government officials. Excellent interpersonal, teaching and public speaking skills. Ability to work effectively as a team member in an established culturally diverse environment.

- Language skills (10%): Level IV fluency in English and Russian is required. Level III (good working knowledge) of Uzbek is highly desired.

TO APPLY: Note: The successful applicant must fully meet the minimum qualification requirements. Qualified individuals are requested to submit a cover letter and curriculum vitae addressing each selection criterion detailed above with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item; and names, contact numbers, and addresses of three professional references. Candidates for trainee levels and applications on file may be considered.

Packages should be received in the CDC/CAR/Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 7A Muradov Street, Institute of Virology, 3rd Block, Yunusobod district, Tashkent, 100194, UZ; tel.: (998-71) 120-79-05; fax: 120-79-04; E-mail: per.almaty@usaid.gov by COB Tuesday, December 11, 2007. A copy of the Position Description is available in CDC/CAR/Tashkent Office.